

## Game 9: Sentence Challenge

Like *Longest Sentence*, players in a game of *Sentence Challenge* work in teams to create the longest sentence possible out of their *Word Bricks* without any help from the teacher. Then, the opposing teams are responsible for ‘challenging’ a sentence if they believe there is an error in a team’s sentence. Points are awarded to teams that appropriately challenge incorrect sentences and to teams that create their own correct sentences.

### Instructions

1. Have students (the players) sit in pairs or small groups, and give each group about 20 *Word Bricks*. Make sure to include one “Wild Card” and one -s brick.
2. Tell the players that they have 3 minutes to create the longest correct sentence possible with their *Word Bricks*.
3. Begin the game. Do not help or correct the players.
4. After the time is up, have each team write their sentence on the board.
5. Give teams a chance to evaluate each sentence for correctness.
6. Any other team may ‘challenge’ a sentence by raising a hand. If they think the sentence is incorrect, they can go to the board and make a correction. The challenging team may not change the meaning of a sentence or rewrite it—only make a correction.
7. Award points to each team in the following ways:

**No challenge:** If no other team challenges a sentence, then the team that created it receives one point for each brick in the sentence, including the special bricks.

**Challenged sentence that was correct:** The challenging team loses 3 points, and the original team earns one point for each brick in the sentence.

**Challenged sentence (with correction):** If another team challenges a sentence and is able to correct the sentence, then the challenging team receives one point for each brick in that sentence.

**Challenged sentence (not corrected):** If a sentence is challenged, but the challenging team is unable to correct the sentence, then the challenging team loses 3 points. Another team may attempt to correct the sentence for the points. If no team is able to correct the sentence, then the original team receives the points for the sentence but must subtract 3 points for the errors.

8. To play more than one round, give each team a new set of 20 *Word Bricks* and repeat steps 3–7.
9. After the desired number of rounds, the team with the most points is the winner.